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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 2408.4911US

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Serial No.:)	
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For:)	
CATHETER CONNECTION)	
AND REPAIR SYSTEM)	
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TRANSMITTAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "A" AND
RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement for entry in the above-captioned application.

___ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

___ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

___ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

___ Set of _____ () sheets of informal drawings containing Figures _____ including the proposed amendments therein; and

___ A duplicate set of the _____ () sheets of informal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

___ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement timely filed, enclosed are the following:

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DATED this 29th day of September, 2004.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2004, the requirement contained therein to elect for prosecution purposes a single species of the disclosed invention, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 21, 2004, the response following herein is offered, being advised that:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in a complete listing of the pending claims begin on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 38.

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